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Commissioner:

Please enter this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application.

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on Page 1, lines 11 - 16, to read as follows:

21 Recently, wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) optical transmission systems have rapidly developed that are capable of increasing transmission capacity by transmitting a plurality of optical signals each having a different wavelength in a single optical fiber simultaneously.